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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting of the National Security Council on NSCIDs
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1. Mr. Gray explained to the President that the purpose was to present the final drafts of National Security Council Intelligence Directives for approval, especially numbers 1, 6 and 7, which would be taken up in that order. He called on Mr. Dulles.

2. Mr. Dulles explained the purpose of NSCID #1, the full and complete agreement of the Intelligence Community, and expressed appreciation for the cooperation of all members of the Intelligence Community in assisting in their preparation. Mr. Stans, Director of the Bureau of the Budget, remarked that as the Budget Bureau had responsibility for certain management problems, he would like to reserve his position subject to clarification and discussion with the DCI subsequently.

General Hull raised a question with reference to the 2nd and 3rd sentences in paragraph 2 on page 2 of NSCID 1, intimating that language might be too restrictive on the authority of the Director. Mr. Dulles explained that this was in accordance with his interpretation of responsibilities placed upon him by statute and that he was satisfied the language reflected the conditions existing in the Community and provided a wholly satisfactory working basis. The President asked if the legal question had been referred to the Attorney General and Mr. Dulles said he would be glad to have such reference made.

Mr. Gray raised the question with reference to paragraph 2.a(3) as to the reports on the national foreign intelligence effort, particularly as to whom such reports were made. Mr. Dulles explained that the reports were made to the National Security Council and the suggestion was made to have the language reflect that fact.

Mr. Gray also raised the question with reference to paragraph 5 on page 10 as not reflecting the authority which previous discussion of this item indicated that it was desired the DCI exercise, there being no indication as to whom reports were to be made or recommendations for corrective measures. Mr. Dulles indicated that he had no authority to investigate within other departments and that the heads of departments and agencies should make their own reports. The President indicated that serious unauthorized disclosures should be brought to his attention.

Mr. Gray suggested that this draft of NSCID 1 be approved subject to agreement relative to the various points developed during the discussion.

2. Mr. Gray then pointed out that NSCIDs 2, 3, 4 and 5 need not be considered since the changes would be of a minor and editorial nature only.

3. He then brought NSCID 6 up for discussion. Mr. Dulles pointed out that in a previous discussion with him, General Hull and Dr. Killian had raised a question concerning paragraph 3 and had made recommendations which had been considered by the intelligence representatives and accepted. General Hull explained the objection to paragraph 3 and his suggested change. It was agreed that paragraph 3 in the draft be deleted and that General Hull's proposal be inserted as paragraph 6.b on page 4. The present 6.b would be renumbered as 6.c. Mr. Dulles, General Hull and Dr. Killian all pointed out the decided advantage in the proposed draft since it placed both COMINT and ELINT under the directing authority of the Department of Defense and the NSA. The draft was approved subject to that change.

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outlined the estimated cost and time of completion. Following these discussions of considerations by the Director of the Budget, the draft NSCID was approved without change.

5. This part of the National Security Council meeting ended at 3:00 o'clock.

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